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SUBJ: JCCIA MEETING OF NOVEMBER 29 AND OTHER MATTERS

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1. EMBOFF MET NOVEMBER 29 WITH COLONEL LOUN SISOUNOL, VIENTIANE SIDE REPRESENTATIVE ON THE JOINT CENTRAL COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENTS (JCCIA), TO PRESENT LETTER CONCERNING MISSING AMERICAN CITIZEN CHARLES M. DEAN. LOUN ASSURED EMBOFF THAT THE MATTER WOULD BE DISCUSSED AT THE NEXT JCCIA MEETING.

2. ACCORDING TO LOUN, PRINCIPAL ITEM OF DISCUSSION AT NOVEMBER 28 JCCIA PLENARY WAS THE REFUGEE SITUATION, WITH LITTLE PROGRESS, IF ANY, RESULTING. VIENTIANE SIDE PROPOSED THAT THE REFUGEES BEING RETURNED TO THEIR FORMER HOMES BE ACCOMPANIED BY JCCIA MIXED TEAMS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THEM THE APPROPRIATE SECURITY. LOUN SAID THAT PL
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SIDE OBJECTED TO THIS ARRANGEMENT AND MEETING ADJOURNED.

LOUN'S PERSONAL OPINION REGARDING THE PL'S OBJECTION TO VIENTIANE PROPOSAL IS THAT PL INTEND TO PLACE RETURNING REFUGEES ON LAND OTHER THAN THAT WHICH THE REFUGEES HAD FORMERLY OCCUPIED. PRESENCE OF THE MIXED TEAM WOULD HINDER THEIR PLANS.

3. WHEN ASKED IF PL HAD FURNISHED THEIR LIST OF MIAS, LOUN REPLIED THAT THEY HAD NOT AND THE PL SIDE HAD STATED THAT THEY HAD NOT YET RECEIVED LIST FROM SAM NEUA. EMBOFF THEN SHOWED LOUN MAP WITH UNCLASSIFIED OVERLAY ILLUSTRATING AIRCRAFT CRASHSITE LOCATIONS. EMBOFF COMMENTED THAT SUCH A MAP MIGHT BE USEFUL IN JCCIA DISCUSSIONS OF MIA SITUATION. LOUN AGREED AND REQUESTED A COPY OF THE MAP.

4. AT CONCLUSION OF THE NOVEMBER 28 MEETING, VIENTIANE SIDE SPOKESMAN FOR JCCIA LANE PATHAMMAVONG REPORTED THAT THE JCCIA MEMBERS WERE PLEASE BY THE COOPERATION AND COORDINATION BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES; INTERNAL ORDER IN THE CAPITAL HAD BEEN MAINTAINED DESPITE THE RECENT STRIKES AND LABOR DISTURBANCES. HE FURTHER REMARKED THAT LACK OF LPF POLICE PARTICIPATION IN TRAFFIC POLICE MATTERS, ROUTINE MUNICIPAL POLICE FUNCTIONS AND FIRE FIGHTING SERVICES WERE REGRETTABLE. HE STATED THAT THE VIENTIANE MAYOR HAD RAISED THIS PROBLEM WITH LPF OFFICIALS. LANE'S LAST COMMENT WAS THAT UNILATERAL LPF POLICE PATROLS NOT WEARING INSIGNIA COULD LEAD TO MISUNDERSTANDINGS WITH BOTH VIENTIANE SIDE AND GENERAL POPULATION.
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